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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT APPLICATION**

In re application of

Docket No: Q76319

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Appln. No.: 10/627,757

Group Art Unit: 1634

Confirmation No.: 3310

Examiner: Sitton, J.

Filed: July 28, 2003

For: GENE ASSAY METHOD FOR PREDICTING GLAUCOMA ONSET RISK

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of January 13, 2006 to May 15, 2006 (May 13 and 14, being a Saturday and Sunday, respectively).

A check for the statutory fee of \$120.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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